Port Based Captive Power Projects by Private Sector

3302. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to issue guidelines to encourage the setting up of port based captive power projects by private sector;

(b) if so, whether these guidelines are a part of the scheme relating to privatisation of port development;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (d). Government has issued fresh guidelines for private sector participation in port sector projects. This includes private sector participation in setting up of captive power plants. Following are the guidelines for setting up the captive power plants through private sector :

(i) The need for the project will be assessed by the Port.

(ii) Guidelines of Ministry of Power and other authorities like Central Electricity Authority/ State Electricity Board etc. have to be followed and clearance, if any, obtained.

(iii) Open tenders will be invited with the stipulation that modern machinery/technology will be installed and in new condition.

(iv) Bids will be invited based on two-cover system consisting of technical of technical and financial bids. Financial bids of only those bidders will be opened who have been technically qualified;

(v) The private sector participation would be on BOT basis with a licence period to be decided by the Port Trust in each case with a maximum period not exceeding 30 years (including construction period) after which the facility will revert back to Port free of cost.

(vi) The tariff for the electricity sold to the Port would be fixed by the Port Trust in terms of the tender. It should in any case not be more than the State Electricity Board tariff applicable to the Port.

(vii) The Port may charge an upfront fee and lease rent for the land for the Captive Power Plant at market rates. The basis of financial evaluation will be the lowest tariff quoted for sale of electricity to the Port.

(viii) Environmental Clearance and other statutory clearances will be obtained by the Port Trust.

(ix) The electricity requirement of the Port should be fully met and thereafter the entrepreneur may be permitted to sell its surplus power.

(x) Specified level of supply of power to the Port will be maintained by the BOT developer, failing which penalties should be imposed.

Future tenders would be based on the above guidelines.

Cobalt Therapy Unit

3303. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any representation from Kerala Government regarding Central assistance for setting up of Cobalt Tele-Therapy unit and Radio Therapy facility in Medical College, Thrissur, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The proposal for financial assistance is to be placed before the Standing Committee on Radiotherapy Development Programme.

Linking of Technical/Engineering Colleges to NICNRT

3304. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the All India Council of Technical Education and National Information Centre have launched a joint project for linking all the technical/ engineering colleges in the country to NICNRT and World wide;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time schedule for implementation;

(c) the details of engineering colleges and number of students to be covered under the scheme, State-wise and for Maharashtra State in particular; and

(d) the details of investment proposed for the current year in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d). Though All India Council for Technical

Education (AICTE) is exploring possibilities for Stablishing a network through National Information Centre (NIC) in order to inter connect around 450 institutions in the country which are imparting education in engineering/technology, including institutions of national importance like IITs, IISc., Bangalore, Technical Universities, Government and Private Colleges, the details have not yet been finalised.

All India Council of Physical Education and Sports Sciences

3305. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of the long pending act of 1944 to create an All India Council of Physical Education and Sports Sciences (AICPESS) in order to monitor uniformly updated sports science and physical education in the country;

(b) whether this Act, is being put on the agenda of the current Session of Parliament;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the manner in which we are planning to make sports as an integral part of our general education at school and that of higher education colleges and Physical Education teachers to schools in the desired student teacher ratio nor is there any provision of required number of periods in the time table?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) to (c). A draft bill for the All India Council for Physical Education has been circulated to all concerned Ministries/Departments, State Governments/Union Territories administrations and all other agencies for comments. The views and opinions called for have been received excepting from some State Governments/Union Territories administrations. It is proposed to introduce the Bill before Parliament only after obtaining comments from the remaining State Governments/UT Administrations.

(d) The K.P. Singh Deo Committee on Physical Education and Sports constituted by the Govt. of India has recommended the integration of Physical Education and Sports with educational curriculum in schools as a part of the learning process. The Govt. of India has accepted the recommendations of the Committee and requested the State Governments to implement these recommendations. The Committee has also recommended assigning 40 minutes a day to Physical Education and Sports in Schools and imparting Physical Education training to teachers through pre service and in-service courses.

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Ring Road in Agra, U.P.

3306. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct Ring Road in Agra to save Taj from vehicular pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The proposals are at conceptual stage.

Medicinal Shrubs

3307. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medicinal shrubs are not available all over India due to the cutting of forests on large scale;

(b) the efforts made by the Ministry to get the shrubs; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). Some medicinal shrubs are not available in required quantity due to defforestation and extensive exploitation. The Government have initiated various schemes for conservation and propagation of such medicinal plants.

(c) Does not arise.

Pace Makers

3308. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of hospitals in the country where the facility of fixing of 'Pace Makers' on the body of heart patients is available;

(b) the number of patients, who are in need of 'Pace Makers' annually in the country alongwith the details of number of patients who can avail of the said facilities each year;

(c) the estimated cost of single 'Pace Maker';

(d) whether it cost too much and is not available easily, because it is not being manufactured in the country; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and steps being taken for manufacturing of the 'Pace Maker' in the country itself?